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SPECIAL LINES FOR SPRING.

GARDINER & BAXTER.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Superintendent Chalmers expects that a delegation of at least thirty teachers will leave the city Saturday morning for Saragosa, where the annual convention of the National Educational association will be held next week.

The new river steamer Valley City will be launched at 10 o'clock this morning. It was to have been launched yesterday, but enough men could not be found to get it off the ways.

Zwiers & Carsten offer today their entire stock of diamonds, watches, jewelry, etc., at auction. Announcements of the sale will be found in our local columns.

The republican ward caucuses to elect delegates to the county convention will be held next Tuesday, the official call for which will be issued today.

The funeral of Mrs. D. F. Berry, wife of D. F. Berry, the mail carrier, will be held this afternoon at the Plainfield Avenue Congregational church.

George McIntyre of the Eagle and Catherine Skeates left Wednesday for New York city to attend the annual convention of the Y. P. S. C. E.

Charles McQueen was elected one of the vice presidents of the Mississippi Valley Rowing association at a recent meeting held in St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Clara J. Denton, the reference librarian, is the author of a bright story in Harper's Young People entitled, "Baby's Rebellion."

Workmen are now fitting the blinds for the county treasurer's office, and they will be hung in about three weeks.

Only one contagious disease, scarlet fever, has been reported to the board of health in the last forty-eight hours. The Grand Rapids Savings bank is paying a 4 per cent dividend to stockholders this week.

The value of real estate affected by the fifteen real estate transfers yesterday was \$28,490.

The regular monthly meeting of the Grand Rapids Guards will be held Monday evening.

Joseph Rathman was admitted to citizenship yesterday by Judge Adair. Robert Ball has been engaged as elevator man at the court house.

David Asley took out a liquor license yesterday.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

There will be a meeting of the association of the Woman's home and hospital this afternoon at 4 o'clock, just after the union of unions, in Good Templars' hall, South Division street. It is requested that every member of the association be present, as business of importance will be brought before the association.

The Progressive Spiritualist society will meet at 3 p. m. today. The regular business meeting of the society will be held this evening at No. 190 North Division street.

The Olive Commandery of United Friends gave a pleasant ice cream and strawberry social at its hall on the corner of West Bridge and Scribner streets last night.

Grand Chancellor Loomis of this city has deputized M. R. Curtis of Battle Creek to institute a lodge of Knights of Pythias at Fremont tonight.

The Valley City tent, K. O. T. M., are contemplating giving an excursion to Muskegon over the C. & W. M. the last Sunday in the month.

The vested choir of Trinity church will leave this morning for an outing at Ottawa Beach. They will stop at the Hotel Ottawa.

The First Reform church society will give a lawn fete at the residence of W. H. VanLewen on Fountain street this evening.

Burial Permits.

Rosalie Fermanikewicz, 1, No. 125 McReynolds street, bronchial croup, Mt. Calvary, Maria Lassa, 1, No. 350 Second street, inflammation of brain, Mt. Calvary, Elizabeth O'Brien, 68, Fuller street, apoplexy, St. Andrew's, Florence M. Gunn, 4 months, rear of No. 370 South Ionia street, congestion of lungs, Dorr, Mich.; Marjorie Dewey, 1, No. 291 Fountain street, paralysis of

brain, Valley City; John Ryan, 39, corner Williams and Edwards streets, endocarditis, Gratiot, Mich.

Consanguineous Marriages.

Louise Spencer, 2, No. 160 Summer street, scarlet fever.

Marriage Licenses.

The following is a list of the marriage licenses issued since last published, with the names, residences (when outside the city) and dates of issue.

Corneilus Van Dike, Jennie Stetwagen, 25-21 DIXIE.

Deaths.

SMITHS—At the family residence No. 23 Lehigh street, July 5, Harry, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, aged 1 year, 1 month and 1 day.

Federal private.

DEWEY—At the residence No. 261 Fountain street, of perils of the brain, Marjorie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dewey, aged 1 year and 5 days.

Funeral today at 2 p. m. at the house.

E. G. Cherriman, funeral director, No. 23 Fountain street.

The Ladies.

The pleasant effect and perfect safety with which ladies may use the California liquid laxative Syrup of Figs, under all conditions, makes it their favorite remedy. To get the true and genuine article, look for the name of the California Fig Syrup company, printed near the bottom of the package.

THE FATAL CARD.

Years ago the Mississippi river was famous for its "floating palaces," as the large steamers plying between New Orleans and the ports above were called. Now the railroads have driven all the boats off the river. The former class of steamers were, in many respects, delightful, but they never ceased to be objects of dread to timid people, for if the racing, which was on that river, resulted in a collision, did not result in the loss of the boat, there was sure to be one or more encounters between the more lawless portion of the travelers, in which pistol bullets would fly rather too thick for the comfort of the steady going people.

The cause of such disturbance was generally a quarrel over the gaming table. The regulations of the boats usually required that all such amusements should be conducted in a saloon provided for that purpose in the "Texas" (officer's cabin), situated on the hurricane deck, but the sporting gentlemen were by no means careful to observe this rule, and the gaming was most commonly carried on at the dining table in the main saloon of the steamer, to the great annoyance of two-thirds of those on board.

Many professional gamblers used to make these boats their homes, traveling back and forth with them, fleeing all who were foolish and verdant enough to fall in their clutches.

One of the most remarkable men of this class was named Daniel Sturdivant, a Frenchman, the son of a broken down scion of nobility who had settled in New Orleans before the transfer of Louisiana to the United States. Sturdivant had been raised a "gentleman" by his aristocratic father, but on coming of age and finding his fortunes very bad, had taken to cards as a means to better them. His success in this field was so great that he was induced to continue it, until at the time of which I write he was one of the most notorious gamblers between St. Louis and New Orleans. He was a man of fine personal appearance and of great physical strength. He was also noted for his personal courage. As a gambler he was most expert and successful. There were dark stories of deeds which he had committed while under the influence of play and liquor, and it was said by some that he had killed half a dozen men in his lifetime. Yet no one dared to speak these stories openly, for no one dared to bring upon himself the anger of such a man.

He had attached himself to one of the magnificent steamers plying between New Orleans and Vicksburg, and had publicly announced his determination to shoot any man who encroached upon his some of operations. Of course this left him undisputed possession of the field, and he reaped a golden harvest during the one brief year he conducted his operations there.

It was my lot at the time to be compelled to make frequent trips between New Orleans and Vicksburg, being heavily engaged in cotton speculations. I preferred the steamer of which Sturdivant had taken possession, inasmuch as it was not only the most comfortable, but also the swiftest, and time was of the utmost importance to me. It was known that I carried large sums of

money, and I was also apprehensive lest Sturdivant should ask me to play. I had fully made up my mind to refuse him, and if he attempted to draw me into a quarrel to shoot him without mercy, as I knew that the only chance for my life lay in getting the advantage of him. Strange to say, he did not make any such proposition to me, and I gave him no chance to do so.

One night we had started out from Vicksburg, and were heading merrily down the river, when Sturdivant came up to the top of the stove which had gathered around the stove. He had been drinking. All made way for him.

"Well, gentlemen," he said in an unsteady tone, "you seem to be terribly dull. Who wants to play for twenty dollars ante?"

There was no reply. All present seemed to know the man, and no one cared to volunteer to place himself in his clutches.

"Umph!" he exclaimed, with an expression of contempt, "afraid to try your luck with Dan Sturdivant, eh? Or maybe you want a little coaxing. Some of you must play with me. I can't stand such treatment. Come, let's see who it shall be."

He glanced around the crowd as if to secure his victim. For the first time I noticed the gaze of one of the group fixed steadily upon him. He was a stranger to me and was dressed in a plain suit of homespun, and his face was partially concealed by a broad brimmed sombrero, which was drawn down over his eyes.

"Are you Daniel Sturdivant, the gambler?" he asked in a calm tone without rising.

Sturdivant flushed darkly and gave the stranger a keen glance.

"Some persons call me so behind my back," he said insolently, "but no one would care to apply that term to me before my face."

"Nevertheless," said the stranger quietly, "I want an answer—yes or no."

"Well, then, I am," said the gambler. "What of it?"

"Simply this," replied the stranger, "I have heard it said that you claim to be the best card player in the southwest. I have come 200 miles to prove you a liar."

Sturdivant strode forward a step or two, and thrust his hand into his breast, as if to grasp a weapon.

"Stop," said the stranger. "If you shoot me you will simply prove yourself afraid of me. Take your seat at the table, and I will make my words good."

There was something in the calm, stern manner of the stranger that seemed to render the gambler powerless. He hesitated a moment and then said bullishly:

"I never play with a man whose face I cannot see."

"Never mind my face; if you are not afraid of losing you shall see it when I am done with you."

"But how do I know that you have money for such sport?" persisted Sturdivant. "You look seedy enough, my time fellow."

"There," said the stranger; "I have \$10,000 there. If you can win it you shall do so."

With an oath Sturdivant placed himself at the table and bade his challenger do likewise.

Those of us who had listened to this singular dialogue now gathered around the table, expecting to see a scene of more than usual interest. The stranger had not raised his hat brim and none of us had seen his face, but we all felt from his general air and manner that Daniel Sturdivant had at last met his match.

It did not take long to show us that the stranger was an unusually good player. For an hour or more the playing went on in silence. The stakes were high and the contest marked with rare skill.

Sturdivant exerted himself as he had never done before, but in spite of all his efforts he lost steadily. By the expiration of the time indicated above he had lost over \$2,000. I noticed the flash upon his face deepen and a strange light came into his eyes. At last, with an exclamation of triumph, he drew toward him the heap of notes.

"That was well done," said the stranger. "You are an expert at cheating. But go on; I can best you whether you play openly or dishonestly."

Sturdivant said nothing, but dealt the cards again. The hand was played and Sturdivant was about to seize the stakes again when the stranger laid down a card and checked him.

The gambler uttered a sharp cry and sat motionless, with his eyes fixed on the card, a worn and faded ace of hearts, with a dark stain across the face. Sturdivant's face worked convulsively as he gazed at it, and the spectators gathered more closely around the two, wondering at the strange scene.

"In God's name, who are you?" asked Sturdivant, with his eyes still fixed on the card.

"Look at me," said the stranger quietly. As if powerless to resist, Sturdivant raised his eyes to the speaker.

The stranger raised his hat and sat looking at the trembling man with eyes which glared with fury. Sturdivant uttered a groan and sank back in his chair, with his face white and rigid.

The stranger with one sweep gathered up the money from the table and thrust it in his bosom.

"The ace of hearts is an unlucky card for you, Daniel Sturdivant," he said quietly. "You played it once when you thought it to your advantage. Now God help you, for that play is returned."

As he spoke he raised a pistol which we had not seen, and before we could stop him aimed deliberately at the trembling man and fired. The gambler fell heavily upon the table a corpse, and the bright blood streamed over it, hiding the fatal card from sight.

"Gentlemen," said the stranger, rising to his feet as we stood paralyzed with horror at the dreadful scene, "that man ruined my wife and tried to murder me. I have been hunting for him for ten years."

He walked slowly by us down the stairway to the lower deck. Just as the steamer touched at the landing he sprang ashore and vanished in the woods.—O. G. in New York News.

Time 2:40 Trot at Comstock track today promises to be one of the greatest trotting events of the season ever held upon the track.

Many fine horses are in it already and the interest is intense. Don't forget that the grand stand is free and carriages go in without charge.

Attend the great running races at Kent county race track today.

Beckham's Pills cure Bilious and Nervous Life.

COMFORT FOR THE AGED

Food Better Than Medicine Doing—What Physicians Say About Lactated Food.

"The old folks do not need medicine so much as they do pure and nourishing food," said a physician yesterday. "In three or four score years of life, a great many tons of food have been digested and this wear and tear results in weakness of the digestive organs. Stimulate them with medicine," he continued, "and the effect is speedily destroyed. Nourish them with an easily digested and strengthening food, and strength will return."

The best physicians in the world endorse this theory. And they have found that lactated food, the perfect food for infants, whose digestive organs are of the weakest, gives the same happy success when used for the aged.

Albert A. McDonald, M. D., consulting physician of the Infants' Home and physician in the General Hospital, Toronto, Ont., says: "I have found lactated food for some time and have found it especially useful in cases of impaired digestion in infants and old people."

Dr. Thomas G. Herron of Cincinnati, says: "It is with honest satisfaction that I recommend lactated food. I have used it with perfect success in a large number of cases both of the infant and the aged."

In many families lactated food is used by nearly every one in the family. It gives the baby firm flesh, strong bones, and rosy cheeks; it forms a pleasant and strengthening variation of the mother's diet, while it is the only food that will easily digest and satisfy the hunger of the aged grandparent.

Comstock Park is the greatest race track in America. It will be the scene of many of the greatest races of the year. Already it has a world-wide reputation. People have traveled from New York and San Francisco to see it and to witness the races upon it. It is upon this famous track that the great trotting races occur today.

Everybody goes to Kent county race track today. It will be the greatest day yet.

A Card of Thanks. The members of St. John's Episcopal Mission acknowledge with the greatest pleasure the donation given them through the Rev. J. B. Hubbs within the last few days.

The heartfelt thanks of the mission are tendered the lady for her benevolence, thoughtfulness, kindness and good wishes. This unexpected pleasure was an assured reminder that the mission has its friends and will present themselves when least expected. The mission is possessed with courage and a large amount of hope, and this assistance coming at this time will certainly not lessen their enthusiasm but increase it.

Notice. The firm of Birge & Shattuck has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The upholstery business will be conducted by C. A. Birge at the old stand, No. 183 and 185 Canal street. Dated July 6, 1932.

C. A. BIRGE, W. F. SHATTUCK.

Kent county race track is drawing the crowd. Everybody goes there.

He Drew the Pony and Cart. The winning ticket, No. 1,013, drew the Shetland pony and cart given away by May's bazaar, and ticket No. 1,013 was held by Frank Kampffebulte, an employee of Weatherly & Pulte, living at No. 132 Powers.

The lucky winner obtained the ticket with a suit of clothes at the Giant Clothing company, while he was using tickets on it.

Free Privileges in the shape of free carriages, and a free entrance for carriages and a free grand stand for admission to the Comstock race track today. Bear in mind that this is the fastest track and the finest fair grounds in America. Fine music and everything first class.

Attend the great running races at Kent county race track today.

LOW RATE EXCURSIONS! VIA THE Chicago & West Michigan AND

Detroit, Lansing & Northern. Rates quoted are from Grand Rapids. Correspondingly low rates will be made from all other stations on these lines.

DETROIT. July 4-5-6-7. Return 8th, \$6.50. July 18-19-20-21-22. Return 8th, \$7.00. NEW YORK. July 5-6-7. Return 15th, \$16.00. Will be extended to August 15th if desired.

SARATOGA. July 5th to 18th. Return 19th, \$18.44. These tickets will be made good to return until Sept. 15th if desired.

Above rates via all rail via Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Schenectady or Albany.

A CIRCUIT ROUTE Is also provided via Detroit, Toronto, Montreal, via steamer down the St. Lawrence river and from Montreal or steamer down Lake Champlain; returning via Niagara Falls—stop off Rate via this route is \$21.44. All rail allowed at Montreal, Albany and Niagara Falls.

BAY VIEW. July 11-20—return August 13—\$5.75. WASHINGTON, D. C. July 16-17—Return July 24—\$17.50.

DETROIT. Baptist Young People's Convention, July 13-14—return July 19—\$4.50. Limit will be extended to August 15 if desired. Geo. DeHaven, Gen'l Pk. Ag't.

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His Personal Experience. Hon. James W. Husted, while serving his sixth term as speaker of the assembly of the state of New York, writes: "STATE OF NEW YORK, ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, ALBANY, JUNE 16, 1930."

I desire once more to bear my testimony to the value of Alcock's Porous Plasters. I have used them for twenty-five years, past, and can conscientiously commend them as the best external remedy that I have known.

Years ago, when thrown from a carriage and seriously injured, I gave them a thorough trial. In a very short time the pain that I was suffering disappeared, and within a week I was entirely relieved. On another occasion,

when suffering from a severe cough, which threatened pulmonary difficulties, which I was recommended to go to Florida to relieve, I determined to test the plasters again. I applied them to my chest and between the shoulder blades, and in less than a fortnight was entirely cured. On still another occasion, when suffering from an attack of rheumatism to such an extent that I could scarcely raise my arm, I again resorted to the plasters, and within a very few days the rheumatism entirely disappeared. I have them constantly by me, whether at home or abroad. My family as well as myself have found them to be a sovereign remedy, both for external and internal troubles. I never had but one kidney difficulty in my life, and the application of the plasters cured me in a week. I desire, as I said before, to bear my testimony in a public way to their efficacy, and I know of no better way of doing it than by giving you my personal experience.

The free-for-all trot at Comstock track today is to be the event of the meeting. Many famous flyers are entered and the indications are that the race will be fast. Bear in mind that there is room enough for all at Comstock, and all can be made comfortable as well as happy.

Kent county race track is drawing the crowd. Everybody goes there.

Read Carefully. Dullam's German Medicine Co. Gentlemen—For over four years I have been afflicted with an eruption of the skin, which became very troublesome and I could get no relief. I was also troubled very badly with constipation, which nothing I tried gave permanent relief until I took Dullam's Great German Blood, Liver, Stomach and Kidney Remedy, and since taking I have been entirely cured. For a tonic, blood purifier and general health restorer I can heartily recommend it.

Mrs. Wm. Copeland, Flint, Mich. For sale, D. D. Scribner's drug store, 73 Monroe street.

Don't come in through the window when you catch sight of our splendid display of spring bargains, but just drop in by way of the door and let us show you the finest line of strictly first class reliable and stylish clothing you ever saw. The Buffalo Clothing company, No. 85 Canal street.

Buy Dullam's Great German 15 cent Liver Pills, forty in each package, at Scribner's.

Peckham's Croup Remedy cures whooping cough.

Buy Dullam's Great German 15 cent Liver Pills, forty in each package, at Scribner's.

Sample Chocolate Free. A postal addressed "Menier, New York" will secure samples of their delicious Chocolate with directions.

With an occasional Lactated Food. This is the standard diet for babies of all ages. It is richly blessed as well as mother's milk, and keeps them strong and hearty.

If your watch or clock does not keep time take it to R. H. Lee, "R" Pearl Street. He is a veteran in the business.

Bad drainage causes much sickness, and bad blood and improper action of the liver and kidneys is bad drainage to the human system, which Burdock Blood Bitters remedy.

Do not forget to get one of those stylish, nobby boys' three-piece suits, all wool and guaranteed, at the Buffalo Clothing Co., 85 Canal street.

The Michigan Central Will run special trains from the Union Passenger Station to the running races at Kent Park July 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, leaving at:

7:00 a. m. 11:30 a. m. 1:30 p. m. 10:30 a. m. 12:30 p. m. 2:30 p. m. 11:00 a. m. 1:20 p. m. 2:40 p. m. 12:00 noon 1:40 p. m. 3:00 p. m. 12:20 p. m.

Returning every twenty minutes after 12:00 noon until 3:00 p. m., and also after the races. Fare for a round trip 15 cents; single trip, ten cents.

Purchase your tickets at the Union Passenger Station and at the Kent Station. Full fare will be charged on trains.

FRANK M. BRIGGS, General Agent.

Ice G. R. Ice and Coal company. Telephone 150.

New Route to Cascade Springs. Via the D. L. & N. R. R. to Cascade Station (11 miles) and stage from there to the Springs (5 miles). Trains leaving Union Station at 7:20 a. m. and 11 p. m., and trains arriving here at 10:30 p. m. and 7 a. m. stop at Cascade, on signal.

One way is 35 cents. Round trip 65 cents. Stage connects with all above trains.

GEORGE DEHAVEN, General Passenger Agent.

The Buffalo Clothing Co., 85 Canal street, has a large line of children's two-piece suits that they are selling for \$1.62. Don't fail to look them over.

The Keeley Institute. Of Benton Harbor, Mich., will be opened Monday, July 11, 1932, for the cure of liquor, opium, morphine, cocaine and tobacco habits and neurasthenia by the use of Dr. Leslie E. Keeley's Double Chloride of Gold Remedies.

For further information, address the Keeley Institute, Benton Harbor, Mich., or J. W. Fales, 88 Jefferson avenue, Detroit, Mich.

AMUSEMENTS.

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ONE WEEK (Commencing SUNDAY) Saturday Matinee Only.

CHAS. A. LODER, In the Great Comedy Novelty,

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Introducing the English Marvels. THE SISTERS GENNELLE.

Prices at usual—30c, 50c and 80c. Saturday Matinee, 20c, 30c and 50c.

Do you chew Jolly Tar Chewing Tobacco?

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Think it carefully over and then try it.

Your dealer keeps Jolly Tar

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A \$10.00 Atlas condensed and compiled in the most comprehensive and ready reference manner possible, and printed on one sheet of paper.

A large map of the world with a special Map of the United States, England and Wales, Germany and Norway and Sweden—comprehensive diagrams of mountains and rivers, an alphabetically arranged compilation describing every country in the world, and its location indexed.

On the front of this marvelous publication we have printed the LARGEST and BEST MAP of the

UNITED STATES

ever made on a single sheet of paper. Each state is shown in separate color, with a special transparent outline designating state and county boundaries.

It is carefully corrected to date, showing every line of railroad and all important cities and towns. It is large enough and complete enough to fully meet the demands of a student or business man. A child can, with this map, study the geography of the United States with intelligence.

The reader can, with accuracy, locate the notable happenings of the day, and the merchant can lay out routes for his travelingmen, or ship goods with economy.

In fact, it is a COMPLETE and ACCURATE map of the United States, 66x46 inches in size.

On the other side we have printed the library chart of the

WORLD.

A panorama of the surface of the globe, on Mercator's Projection, with its lands and water, mountains, rivers, lakes, bays, seas, and islands, all properly located and beautifully tinted by our patent process of oil colors.

Around the margin of the map we have printed statistical and descriptive matter of more value than can be found in any volume that was ever published at Three Times the Cost. The different divisions of the world are arranged by continent to show their area, form of government, chief executive, capital, and population. A series of short articles arrange alphabetically give, in a remarkably concise and comprehensive form, a description of every country or government in the world, no matter how small, together with its chief products, exports and imports, and its exact location on the map shown by our ready reference index.